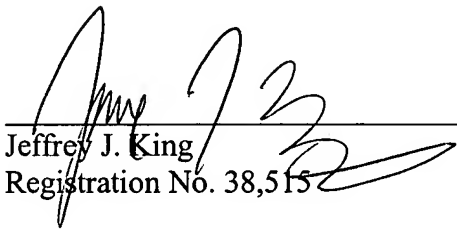


Applicants hereby elect Group II consisting of Claims 3-11, 13-17, 24-30 and 35-61, for prosecution at this time. This election is made with traverse, and no representations are made by this election concerning the merits of the Restriction Requirement with respect to the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions among the originally presented claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more related applications. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending elected claims.

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